

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0023] Springs 56, 58 are provided to control the position of the trailer to axles 14, 16 and serve to prevent stress from being placed on beam 54 under a static condition. Springs 56, 58 cushion bumps on the road surface to keep the vehicle 10 level during operation. Springs 56, 58 may comprise air springs or metal springs, such as coil springs. Springs 56, 58 are positioned between the vehicle frame 12 and the beams 54. Specifically, springs 56, 58 are positioned between bottom wall 38 of a corresponding rail 22, 24 and lateral wall 70 of beam 54 or on a separate spring seat attached to the wall 70 of beam 54. At least a portion of each spring 56, 58 may be disposed above a corresponding axle 14, 16 respectively. In a preferred embodiment, springs 56, 58 may further be centered along the longitudinal axes 75, 77 of axles 14, 16 respectively. Locating springs 56, 58 in this manner is advantageous because the springs absorb stress that would otherwise be placed on beams 54.